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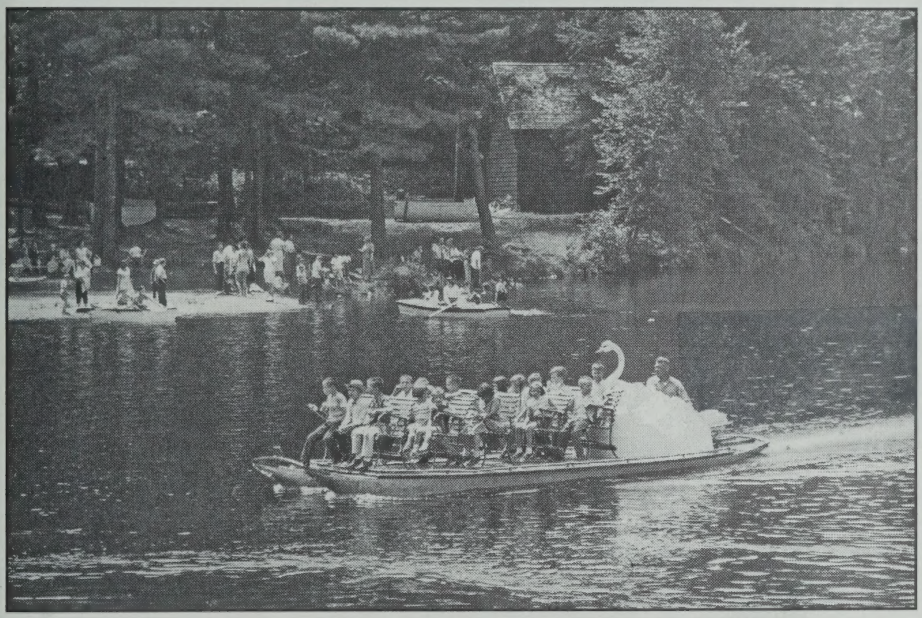
Annual Reports

Of The Selectmen And Other Town Officers of the Town of

ALSTEAD, NH



FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

2011

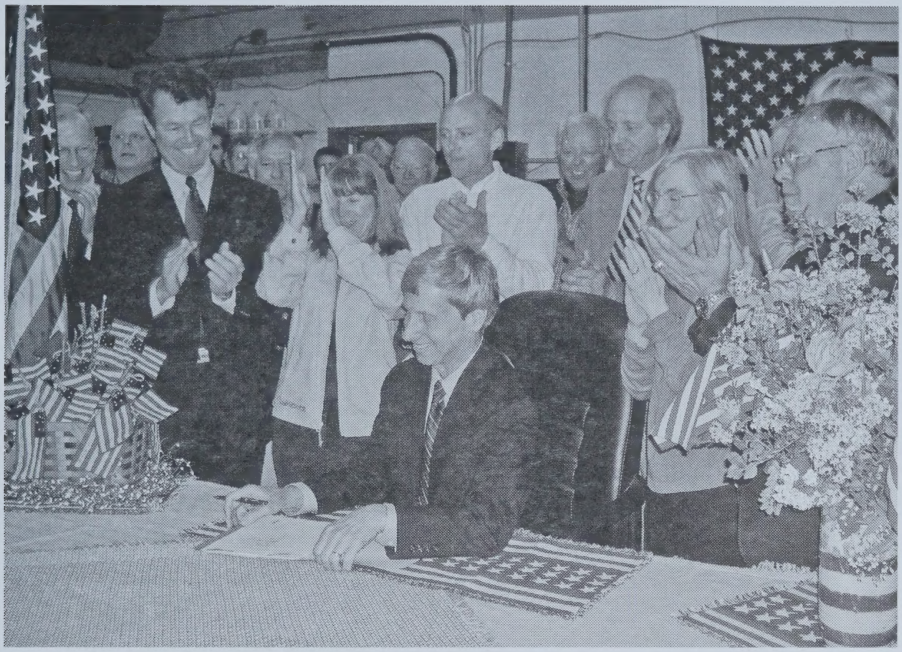
TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2012

Photograph on Cover

Swan Boat at Vilas Pool
Captain Ralph Moore at controls
this boat was lost in the 1986
August Flooding
Photo by Marie A. Radcliffe

Dedication photograph by
Tafi Brown



This Year's Town Report is dedicated to Governor John Lynch

We are grateful to him for his selfless service to New Hampshire in general, and to Alstead in particular to Alstead in the aftermath of the 2005 Flood.

His considerable skills of organization and inspiration moved utility contractors, the D.O.T. Crew, and residents alike to an intensity of action which restored power and phone in a week, and a passable highway in six weeks.

John thoughtful approach combined with his ability to communicate compassion distinguishes him among a noisy crowd.

He completes his record four terms as Governor with his dignity and respectability intact.

Our Very Best to you, Governor
The Citizens of Alstead

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TOWN INFORMATION
www.alsteadnh.org

Selectmen 835-2986 Meeting on Tuesdays, 7:00 PM

Town Clerk – Tax Collector 835-2242
Hours: Monday thru Wednesday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Thursday 8:00 AM - 5:45 PM

Planning Board – 2nd Monday of the month @ 7:00 PM

Zoning Board of Adjustment – 1st Monday of the month @ 7:30 PM
Zoning Officer: Hans Waldmann 835-6138

Health Officer: Randall Rhoades 835-9018 evenings
Asst. Health Officer: Lelemae O'Brien 835-2349

Conservation Commission – 1st Wednesday of the month @ 5:00 PM

Fire Department
Regular Meeting – 2nd Monday of the month, 7:00 PM
Ambulance/Rescue Squad – 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30 PM
Drills held on the 4th Monday of the month, 7:00 PM

Library Hours 835-6661
Wednesday 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM & 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Thursday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Friday, 12 PM to 6 PM
Saturday, 9:00 AM to 12 Noon

Transfer Station Hours 835-2425
Wednesday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Town Highway Garage 835-2428

TOWN OFFICIALS
2011

Matthew Saxton	Selectman	Term End 2012
Joel C. McCarty	Selectman	Term End 2013
Michael Jasmin	Selectman	Term End 2014
Peter Rhoades	Moderator	Term End 2012
Gloria Seddon	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Term End 2012
Pam Allen	Deputy Town Clerk	Appointed
Hans Waldmann	Treasurer	Term End 2014
David Crosby	Director of Public Works	Appointed
Marcelo D'Alessandro	Police Chief	Appointed
Kim Kercewich	Fire Chief	Appointed
Kim Kercewich	Forest Fire Warden	Appointed
Jack Michnovez	Emergency Management	Appointed
Shelli Huntley	Librarian	Appointed
Hans Waldmann	Zoning Officer	Appointed
Randall Rhoades	Health Officer	Appointed
Bruce A. Bellows	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2012
Reginald Clark	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2013
Roberta (Suzie) Young	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2014
Susan Norlander	Library Trustee	Term End 2012
Heather Jasmin	Library Trustee	Term End 2013
Mary Lou Huffling	Library Trustee	Term End 2013
Jeff Smull	Library Trustee	Term End 2014
Matthew Gilette	Library Trustee	Term End 2014
Ethel Gendron	Supervisor of Checklist	Term End 2012
Barbara (Bobbie) Wilson	Supervisor of Checklist	Term End 2014
Penny Gendron	Supervisor of Checklist	Term End 2016

Inspector of Elections

Richard Miller	Holly Gay	Lenore Irion
	Frances Thibault	

Alternate Inspector of Elections

Rachel Kilburn Joanne Stevens Sandy Greene

Joyce Curll	Planning Board	Term End 2012
Gloria Seddon	Planning Board	Term End 2012
Matthew Saxton	Ex-Officio Member	Term End 2012
David Konesko	Planning Board	Term End 2013
Richard Nalevanko	Planning Board (Resigned)	Term End 2013
Peter Rhoades	Planning Board	Term End 2014
Kevin Clark	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2012
Dirk Doughty	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2012
Samuel Sutcliffe	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2013
Joseph H. Cartwright	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2013
David Konesko	Alternate	Term End 2013
Dennis Molesky	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2014
Hans Waldmann	Alternate	Term End 2014
W. Daniel Hall	Conservation Commission	Term End 2012
MariLou Blaine	Conservation Commission	Term End 2012
John Mann	Alternate	Term End 2013
Sarah Webb	Conservation Commission	Term End 2013
Joyce Curll	Alternate	Term End 2014
David Moody	Conservation Commission	Term End 2014
Bruce Bellows	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2012
Reginald Clark	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2013
Roberta (Suzie) Young	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2014
Robert Pearson	School Board Member Alstead Rep. Fall Mt. Consolidated School Officer	Term End 2013

TOWN OF ALSTEAD
Ballot

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Place a cross (x) in either the YES or NO box after each article.

Article 2 "Are you in favor of Zoning Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amendment No. 1 adds small wind energy systems (wind system with a capacity less than 100 kilowatts, primarily for on-site consumption) as a use allowed in all zoning districts with a special exception granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The amendment includes a new ordinance detailing the application requirements and procedures."

YES **NO**

Article 3 "Are you in favor of Zoning Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amendment No. 2 makes three minor changes removing ambiguities pertaining to separate dwelling units. This amendment clarifies that a separate detached dwelling unit is permitted by Special Exception, and also clarifies that the conversion of any space to a separate dwelling unit requires a zoning permit."

YES **NO**

Article 4 "Are you in favor of Zoning Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amendment No. 3 makes the Zoning Ordinance's enforcement provisions completely consistent with the penalties and enforcement set forth in state law."

YES NO

Article 5"Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling $1,509,663? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be $1,391,370, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Majority vote required.

YES NO

ARTICLE 6: "Shall the Town vote to purchase a one ton 5500 Dodge truck with a Henderson Stainless Steel Body for the DPW Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of $105,159.00 for this purpose, and to further authorize the withdrawal of $105,159.00 for this purpose from the Highway Capital Reserve fund?

Recommended by The Board of Selectmen

Majority vote required

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #5, the operating budget.

YES NO

ARTICLE 7:"Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $130,000 (one hundred thirty thousand dollars) to pave as many miles on Gilsum Mine Road as $130,000 will allow for this purpose?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Majority vote required.

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #5, the operating budget.

YES **NO**

ARTICLE 8:"Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $145,803 (one hundred forty five thousand eight hundred three dollars) to purchase and install a concrete box culvert on Gilsum Mine Road and to authorize the withdrawal of $114,775 (one hundred fourteen thousand seven hundred seventy five dollars) from fund balance, with the remainder of $31,028 to be raised from taxation?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Majority vote required.
This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #5, the operating budget.

YES **NO**

ARTICLE 9:"Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $9,375 (nine thousand three hundred seventy five dollars) to stripe the roads?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Majority vote required
This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #5, the operating budget.

YES **NO**

ARTICLE 10:"Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) to insulate the ceiling of the Shedd Porter Library?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Majority vote required
This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #5, the operating budget.

YES **NO**

ARTICLE 11:"Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $115.000 (one hundred fifteen thousand dollars) to be placed in the following Capital Reserve Funds?

$50,000	**Highway (est. 1988)**
50.000	**Fire Department (est. 1992)**
10,000	**Town Hall (est.2009)**
5,000	**Shedd Porter Library (est. 2010)**

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

Majority vote required

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #5, the operating budget.

YES **NO**

ARTICLE 12:"Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of rebuilding or repairing Alstead bridges and to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 (five thousand dollars) to be placed in that Fund?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Majority vote required.
This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #5, the operating budget.

YES **NO**

ARTICLE 13:" Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the Police Department general capital equipment purchases and to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to be placed in that fund?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required
This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #5, the operating budget

YES **NO**

ARTICLE 14 (By Petition)"Shall the Town vote to utilize the materials acquired by the Town during the rebuilding after the 2005 flood to connect Porter Road to Cook Hill Road, and to raise and appropriate the sum of $35,000 (thirty-five thousand dollars) to utilize town employees/equipment in concert with surrounding towns to complete the job. The petition proposes that the Town of Alstead use the materials already on hand for the connection of these two roads, and further states that the rock and gravel materials referred to have been stored in town awaiting an appropriate use, and will need to be processed eventually regardless of what they are used for; that this project was first proposed by the director of public works to improve safety and reduce the cost to the town related to plowing and equipment maintenance, and that an appropriate use will connect these two roads and provide yearly savings due to improved access and safety while providing plowing during the winter months, and will also ensure that emergency services will have access to all houses on both roads in case of fire/medical emergency?

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Majority vote required
This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #5, the operating budget

YES **NO**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
4130-4139	Executive	5	67225	61771	65043	
4140-4149	Election,Reg & Vital Statistics	5	32057	29755	37051	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	5	50832	45344	50012	
4152	Revaluation of Property	5	26000	9772	26000	
4153	Legal Expense	5	15000	3083	6000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	5	160244	145001	178710	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	5	8900	7513	8900	
4194	General Government Buildings	5	151400	135364	154650	
4195	Cemeteries	5	3500	3500	3500	
4196	Insurance	5	21129	20123	21532	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	5	6000	3551	6000	
4199	Other General Government					
	PUBLIC SAFETY					
4210-4214	Police	5	145600	134054	145600	
4215-4219	Ambulance	5	34700	23687	34700	
4220-4229	Fire	5	71700	71395	65410	
4240-4249	Building Inspection					
4290-4298	Emergency Management	5	3300	1274	30022	
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)	5	2000	2887	12000	
	AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER					
4301-4309	Airport Operations					
	HIGHWAYS & STREETS					
4311	Administration	5	53433	51990	53433	
4312	Highways & Streets	5	318600	320965	360600	
4313	Bridges					
4316	Street Lighting	5	10000	11023	5000	
4319	Other					
	SANITATION					
4321	Administration	5	36075	46236	56900	
4323	Solid Waste Collection					
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	5	75175	73735	79500	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up					
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other					

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	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT					
4331	Administration					
4332	Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv & Other					
	ELECTRIC					
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
	HEALTH					
4411	Administration	4	14000	9608	14000	
4414	Pest Control					
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other					
	WELFARE					
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.					
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymts					
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other	5	30000	32490	40600	
	CULTURE & RECREATION					
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	5	10000	13553	15500	
4550-4559	Library	5	30000	30000	30000	
4583	Patriotic Purposes	5	3000	2935	3000	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation					
	CONSERVATION					
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources	5	1500	1500	1500	
4619	Other Conservation			2000		
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing					
4651-4659	Economic Development					
	DEBT SERVICE					
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	6	10000	1642	4500	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					

MS-6 **Budget - Town of _____** **ALSTEAD 2012**

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	CAPITAL OUTLAY					
4901	Land					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment					
4903	Buildings					
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs					
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT					
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	- Sewer					
	- Water					
	- Electric					
	- Airport					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Fiduciary Funds					
	OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL		1391370	1295751	1509663	

Use page 5 for special and individual warrant articles.

MS-6 Budget - Town of _____ ALSTEAD 2012

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserv e funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the w arrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article

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4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	$11	$75,000	$75,000	$122,500	
4916	To Exp Tr Fund					
4917	To Health Maint Trust Funds					
4909	Cook Hill to Porter Road	$14				$35,000
SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			75000		122500	

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special w arrant articles" Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually

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4909	Paving Gilsum Mine Road	$7	$130,000	$128,086	$130,000	
4909	Concrete Box Culvert	$8	$114,775	$0	$145,803	
4902	Dodge Truck	$6			$106,310	
4903	Insulate Library Ceiling	$10			$30,000	
4909	Striping Roads	$9			$9,375	
4909	Move High Street Stone Wall	$5	$10,000	$8,377		
INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			254775		421488	

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MS-6 **Budget - Town of _____** **ALSTEAD 2012**

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
	TAXES				
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		2000	4280	2000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		5000	7907	5000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		35000	58718	40000
	Inventory Penalties			3164	
3187	Excavation Tax ($.02 cents per cu.yd)		250	249	250
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES				
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		250000	253847	250000
3230	Building Permits		500	525	500
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		3000	3320	3000
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				13760
	FROM STATE				
3351	Shared Revenues				
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		90152	86519	86519
3353	Highway Block Grant		100445	97757	85379
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		3	3	3
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Grants				7200
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		35000	36250	35000
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
3401-3406	Income from Departments		50000	60455	45000
3409	Other Charges				
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
3501	Sale of Municipal Property				
3502	Interest on Investments		15000	12218	10000
3503-3509	Other				

MS-6 **Budget - Town of _____** ALSTEAD 2012

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN				
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds				50000
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds		90000	109899	90000
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amount Voted From Fund Balance				114775
	Estimated Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes			200000	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			676350	935111	838386

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	1391370	1509663
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	75000	157500
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	244775	417051
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	1711145	2084214
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	676350	838386
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	1034795	1245828

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF ALSTEAD

To the inhabitants of the Town of Alstead in the County of Cheshire, in said State qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Municipal Building in said Alstead on Monday, the 9th of January, 2012 next at 7:00 PM for a public hearing on the proposed operating budget and the Town Meeting Warrant.

The first session will be held on Monday, the 6th day of February, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Alstead Town Hall for final explanation, discussion, or amendment, if necessary, of the articles on the warrant.

The final session of the annual Town Meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, the 13th day of March, 2012 for the election of town officers and voting by ballot on all warrant articles. The polls will be open on Tuesday, March 13th, from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

ARTICLE 1 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2 To see if the Town will vote to adopt the proposed Small Wind Energy System Ordinance, as proposed by the Planning Board in Zoning Amendment No. 1. Copies of the complete proposal are on file for public inspection at the Town Office and will be available the day of the voting. The following question will appear on the Official Ballot:
"Are you in favor of Zoning Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town's Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amendment No. 1 adds small wind energy systems

(wind system with a capacity less than 100 kilowatts, primarily for on-site consumption) as a use allowed in all zoning districts with a special exception granted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The amendment includes a new ordinance detailing the application requirements and procedures."

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a)	Executive	$ 65,043
b)	Election, Registration, & Vitals	37,051
c)	Financial Administration	50,012
d)	Revaluation of Property	26,000
e)	Legal Expense	6,000
f)	Personnel Administration	178,710
g)	Planning & Zoning	8,900
h)	General Government Buildings	154,650
i)	Cemeteries	3,500
j)	Insurance	21,532
k)	Advertising & Regional Assns	6,000
l)	Police	145,600
m)	Ambulance	34,700
n)	Fire & Forest Fire	65,410
o)	Emergency Management	30,022
p)	Communications	12,000
q)	Street Lighting	5,000
r)	Highways & Streets	414,033
s)	Sanitation/Solid Waste	136,400

t)	Health Agencies	14,000
u)	Welfare/Direct Assistance	40,600
v)	Parks & Recreation	15,500
w)	Library	30,000
x)	Patriotic Purposes	3,000
y)	Conservation Commission	1,500
z)	Interest on T.A.N.s	4,500

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Majority vote required.

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Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority vote required.
This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #5, the operating budget.

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Majority vote required.
This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #5, the operating budget.

ARTICLE 9 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $9,375 (nine thousand three hundred seventy five dollars) to stripe the roads.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Majority vote required
This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #5, the operating budget.

ARTICLE 10 To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000 (thirty thousand dollars) to insulate the ceiling of the Shedd Porter Library.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen
Majority Vote required.

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #5, the operating budget.

ARTICLE 11 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $115,000 (one hundred fifteen thousand dollars) to be placed in the following Capital Reserve Funds.

Highway (est. 1988)	$50,000
Fire Department (est. 1992	50,000
Town Hall (est. 2009)	10,000
Shedd Porter Library (est. 2010)	5,000

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Majority vote required.
This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #5, the operating budget.

ARTICLE 12 To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of rebuilding or repairing Alstead bridges and to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000 (five thousand dollars) to be placed in that Fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Majority vote required.
This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #5, the operating budget.

ARTICLE 13 To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the Police Department general capital equipment purchases

and to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500 (two thousand five hundred dollars) to be placed in that fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Majority vote required.
This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #5, the operating budget.

ARTICLE 14 (By Petition) To see if the Town of Alstead will vote to utilize the materials acquired by the Town during the rebuilding after the 2005 flood to connect Porter Road to Cook Hill Road, and to raise and appropriate the sum of $35,000 (thirty-five thousand dollars) to utilize town employees/equipment in concert with surrounding towns to complete the job. The petition proposes that the Town of Alstead use the materials already on hand for the connection of these two roads, and further states that the rock and gravel materials referred to have been stored in town awaiting an appropriate use, and will need to be processed eventually regardless of what they are used for; that this project was first proposed by the director of public works to improve safety and reduce the cost to the town related to plowing and equipment maintenance, and that an appropriate use will connect these two roads and provide yearly savings due to improved access and safety while providing plowing during the winter months, and will also ensure that emergency services will have access to all houses on both roads in case of fire/medical emergency.

Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen.
Majority vote required.
This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #5, the operating budget

ARTICLE 15 To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 30th day of January, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twelve.

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Matthew D. Saxton

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Joel C. McCarty

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Michael Jasmin

2011 Selectmen's Report

2011 was another mostly peaceful year in the Selectmen's Office.

As the new year began, Joel and Matt worked with newbie Mike Jasmin on the preparation of the proposed 2011 Warrant, a process which always involves badgering Linda Christie, Administrative Assistant, with lots of questions about line-item totals of the previous year. She (and the office software) can answer all of them. Of course department heads and interested volunteers contribute added perspective to the process. There is no shouting---and everyone is heard. We had a tremendous turnout at the initial budget hearing, and in the course of it nearly $500,000 was added to the Selectmen's draft budget. Some of that was withdrawn at the Deliberative Session a few weeks later. In the end, the budget was passed, and the Warrant articles that the Selectmen had recommended passed. Again, proof that lots of people working cooperatively can craft a Warrant that will find majority support.

Mike Jasmin, who had been appointed to the Board to fill out what remained of Bill Moran's third term, was elected to a full term on the Board, and found welcome. (Meanwhile, back at the ranch on Pratt Road, Bill is doing well in his recovery, doing well in his favorite project, and is observably very happy. We still miss him in the Selectmen's Office, though.) Matt, in the third year of his term, was elected Chairman.

We have been pleased with the regular participation, at our Tuesday meetings, of several Town residents, each of whom brings his particular expertise to the table. The additional viewpoints, based on real world experience, benefit the discussion.

We wish, again, to emphasize that all Selectmen's meetings are public, and that anyone interested in attending is welcome, no appointments are necessary. If, however, you wish to make a presentation that will take more than 10 or 15 minutes,

putting your name on the agenda is helpful. Call Linda at 835-2986. In the case it is a meeting crowded with issues, she can let you know in advance the time at which you might be heard. If you wish only to watch and listen---that's welcome too.

We Selectmen, under a received threat of ARREST, released the $22,000 we were withholding from the School District. (See last year's Town Report). Apparently we will be looking only forward from here. We trust that we have done all we could. We are glad to have been supported here in Town.

Gilsum Mine Road was paved, as per the warrant article. The paving laid down measured 1.8 miles, and cost $128,000. That's $13.50/ foot.

Plans at NH DOT for the rebuilding of Route 123 were implemented, and a contractor selected. Work began in earnest beginning with the installation of lots of (bigger) culverts. Weaver Construction worked here (with a few weeks break to help out in Vermont after Irene) until Christmas, and will be back in the Spring.

The stone wall at the Historical Society was completed. Nice job guys! Scott Taylor and crew makes magic with lumps of stone. NH DOT has plans to remove the crushed broken gray rock at the base of the wall and pave 12-A wider--to the base of the wall. That edge of the road will then be walkable--even if it is not technically a 'sidewalk'.

Murphy Hill was improved by our highway crew last year. 11 culverts were installed, ditches were dug, and the road was re-graded. It is much improved. Another bad spot mitigated. We make an effort to fix at least one trouble spot every year. How long has it been since you were bogged down in the mud? It used to be a regular Spring thing, but it is so much better now. (Of course, we may have to eat these words in a month. What a weird winter!)

We held a Public Hearing to talk about the idea of upgrading

the Class VI portion of the road that connects Porter Road to Cook Hill Road, using gravel and fill that is now piled on the Bragg property across the river from Millot Green. After presenting the Selectmen's reasoning for suggesting this, we listened to the attendees. We decided not to proceed, at that time.

Speaking of roads, the box culvert on the Gilsum Mine Road that was passed by the voters never quite happened. It was designed and spec-ed, submitted to NH DES, and eventually denied. Apparently they changed the rules. So the box culvert has been re-designed to meet the new requirements, and bid requests sent---but not in time to do the work in 2011. So, the money voted last year for the project was not spent, and was returned to surplus (now called 'fund balance"). There is an article on this year's Warrant for the re-designed project, now approved by NH DES, and considerably more costly. This box culvert will be different than anything ever built here, and will, we're told, be better for the critters that crawl up that little stream.

Something else didn't happen in 2011. The cell tower, approved by the Planning Board, for Cobb Hill was not built by US Cellular. Due to the economy? We have learned that US Cellular has renewed the option on the site. It will be built in 2012, we hope.

This year, 2012, NH DOT will install more culverts, the bridge near the Town Barn will be completed, and the new, ever so slightly straighter Rt 123 will be paved. If you have a question about a project detail that you find disturbing, we are happy to refer you to the Project Manager, Marc Moran, who will be found in the construction office trailer parked between Breshears' and Cobb Hill Road. Mr. Moran is a genial sort who will be able to give you the facts that will debunk the rumors heard at the dump.

Also this coming summer, 123 will be CLOSED near the top of Hatch Hill near Chase's Mill for, we have been warned, the

entire summer :(It will be open again in time for school buses. Our detour will be Camp Brook Road. We are not looking forward to meeting a tractor-trailer truck coming at us on Camp Brook, or a loaded dump truck either. But be warned----it's going to happen to most of us, and to perfect strangers only passing through, as well----some of whom will be freaking out: " How the %&^$@$#* did we end up on a dirt road??!!?" We will all be able to stand it, but only just barely. We suppose that we would rather be in the car half of a car/dump truck confrontation. NH DOT will have "Road Closed Ahead" signs as far away as Rt 9 in Stoddard, so we can expect that most of the large vehicle traffic (and a lot of car traffic, too) will find ways to avoid Alstead altogether. Our sympathies will be with a gasoline tanker driver from somewhere 'off', creeping down the hill toward Camp Brook meadow, realizing that he's not going to be on I-91 in ten minutes like he thought. BE CAREFUL!

A companion to the Griffin Hill Road Warren Brook Habitat Restoration Project of 2010 will be completed this coming summer, between Kmiec's Garage and the Sweeney house on 123. Another floodplain will be re-established, which, among other things, will slow the velocity of Warren Brook in very high water. The funding for these projects comes through NH DES and US Fish and Wildlife. A Public Hearing was held about this, where the details were exhaustively explained. Matt was reminded why he didn't finish college.

We have been hinting at a large looming discussion about Vilas Pool, its dam, the buildings, and the grounds. In 2012 expect to be notified of at least two public hearings where the discussion will seek to find a consensus about what the future looks like at Vilas Pool. The Town has, in hand, a LETTER OF DEFICIENCY (hereafter: LOD) from NH DES concerning the Vilas Dam. What the letter demands of the Town will be very expensive. Before the Town spends the money to go forward, (the engineering investigation that the LOD demands concerning current conditions has been quoted to us at $9000.00, and that's before we would be spending real money), we, you, us, all of us, should be sure that the

investment will repay the Town in benefits we can call worth it.

Hazardous Waste Collection in Alstead goes like this: When you see in the newspaper that there is going to be hazardous waste collection at the Keene Transfer Station, with the participating towns listed, Alstead will not be included. BUT, Alstead reimburses its residents who take their hazardous waste to Keene and pay the fee that is charged to individuals. Bring, or mail, your receipt to the Town Office (PO Box 60), and you will be reimbursed the following week. The tentative rate we've been informed of is $30 for up to 10 gallons, higher for up to the limit of 50 gallons of waste. The town-wide participation charge, figured per capita, for the collection has become more expensive than what it costs to reimburse the few Alstead residents who make use of the collection.

We Selectmen take this opportunity to thank Alstead's employees--from the Selectmen's Office to the Fire Department, Ambulance Squad, Police Department, Library, and Public Works--for their interest, dedication, and commitment. To thank also the enormous group of volunteers--from the Vilas Site-base Committee and PTO, to the Historical Society, to the Boards: Planning, Zoning, and Conservation, to the Teachers, Coaches and Scout leaders, to the Friendly Meals and Food Shelf, to Vilas Pool, to the folks who make elections efficient, fair, and by the book, to the members of the three churches, the sundry business people treating customers fairly, and to all the individuals who value this, our cherished community and who add to it in his or her own way. We, all together, are Alstead. We Selectmen are glad and grateful to be part of it.

Matt, Joel, & Mike

2011 Annual Report
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Please note that 1998 cars and up require a title to be registered. If you purchase vehicles in this age bracket from an individual make sure they have the title.

For older vehicles - in addition to the bill of sale you need one of the following documents:

a. Previously issued N.H. Registration.
b. Valid Out of State Title.
c. Verification of VIN (Form 19A).

If you have any question regarding a new registration, you may call the office. It is important to have the proper paperwork. I can process renewal registrations by mail if necessary. Please call for the amounts due.

The State is starting the process of enabling town clerks to process boat registrations. Boat registrations are still not available at this office.

Reminder! Dog licenses are to be renewed by April 30. For a new license please bring a rabies certificate with you. Also if the dog has had an update of rabies vaccination since the last registration please bring a copy of certificate.

For those unable to pay all their taxes at once please note that any payment even if not the full amount due will reduce the interest to be paid.

Pam and I thank you for your support this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Seddon
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE ALSTEAD TOWN CLERK
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31. 2011

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Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	$253847.32
Dog Licenses	3319.50
Dog Fines	75.00
Vitals	1090.00
ISF Fees	170.00
Misc.	213.00
Total Debits	$258714.82

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Remittance To Treasurer

Motor Vehicle Fees	$253847.32
Dog Licenses	3319.50
Dog Fines	75.00
Vitals	1090.00
ISF Fees	170.00
Misc.	213.00
Total Credits	$258714.82

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Summary ToTax Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011
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Uncollected Taxes – Beginning Fiscal Year	2011	2010
Property Taxes		$436591.65
Yield Taxes		776.00
Interest		.30
Property Tax Credit Balance	<670.62>	
Taxes Committed This Year:		
Property Taxes	$3735306.00	
Land Use Change	4280.00	
Yield Taxes	14847.00	
Excavation Tax	249.00	
Other Charges		330.00
Overpayment Refunds		
Property Taxes	1015.55	71.85
Yield Taxes	85.00	
Penalties/other taxes	4558.00	
Interest Collected –Late Tax	3440.79	21015.69
Lien Costs		2645.00
Total Debits	$3763110.72	$461430.49

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Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:	2011	2010
Property Taxes	$3383742.80	$282393.01
Land Use Change	4280.00	
Yield Taxes	8481.00	
Excavation Tax	249.00	

Interest	3440.76	21015.69
Other Taxes	3164.00	
Conversion To Lien		157612.46
Other Charges		330.00
Abatements Made:		
Yield Taxes	3280.00	
Penalties-other taxes	347.00	
Uncollected Taxes		
Property Taxes	355915.92	79.03
Yield Taxes	3171.00	
Interest	.03	
Penalties other taxes	1047.00	.30
Property Tax Credit Balance	<4007.79>	
Total Credits	$3763110.72	$461430.49

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011

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	2010	2009	2008	2007+
Unredeemed Liens Balance:				
Beginning of Fiscal Year		114859.24	49610.22	26321.39
Liens Executed "11"	168140.43			
Interests and Costs	3888.07	10545.00	13904.60	5789.67
Total Debits	172028.50	125404.24	63514.82	32111.06

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Remitted to Treasurer:				
Redemptions	33385.97	50040.47	38974.33	4602.67
Interest & Costs	3888.07	10545.00	14038.62	5789.67
Unredeemed Lien Bal.	134754.46	64818.77	10501.87	21718.72
Total Credits	172028.50	125404.24	63514.82	32111.06

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2011

Town Accounts

Starting Balance 01/01/2011		**$1,030,797.70**
Town Clerk		259,046.86
Tax Collector		3,944,767.41
Selectmen		217,453.69
Direct Deposits		215,996.93
Bank Interest		12,217.87
TAN		500,000.00
Other – Deposit corrections		94,705.00
	TOTAL	5,244,187.76
Less Payables		5,263,116.98
2011 ending balance		**$1,011,868.48**

Vilas Pool

Starting balance		$**123,198.37**
Return from investments		11,747.08
Bank Interest		117.97
Use of facilities		50.00
Vilas Pool CD Interest		1,126.92
	TOTAL	13,041.97
Less payables		10,755.73
Vilas Ending balance		**$125,484.61**

BARB DERREY AMBULANCE CD

Starting Balance	**$15,462.20**
Ending Balance	**$15,506.82**

CELL TOWER

Starting Balance	**$5003.02**
Closed 02/11/2011	**0.00**

CONSERVATION

Starting Balance	**$64,047.46**
Deposits	4,544.26
Payables	2,000.00
Ending Balance	**$66,591.72**

Submitted by,
Hans Waldman
Treasurer

2011 Annual Report
Alstead Department of Public Works

The Department of Public Works had another busy year in 2011. The sand, gravel, and ¾ inch stone were once obtained from Garland's Pit on Hill Road. All materials were crushed by John Burroughs. This practice keeps cost down and tax dollars in town. 3,500 yards were stock piled at the Town Garage in anticipation of winter.

There was over 700 feet of culverts replace on Murphy Hill Road, North Road, and Old Settlers Road. Ditch and drainage work was also done on Murphy Hill Road and North Road to allow the water to reach the new culverts and dry out the road bed.

Grading was done on all the dirt roads. A total of 3,380 yards was added to the dirt roads as needed.

On May 12th and 13th paving was done on Gilsum Mine Road from the Gilsum town line for 1 and 8/10ths of a mile. The total amount of pavement was 1,671.71 tons for a cost of $128,086.42. Frank W. Whitcomb Construction did the paving.

Roadside mowing and brush cutting was done, approximately 100 hours worth, although a lot more needed to be done. Parks & Recreation had plenty of grass to mow this year as there was definitely no shortage of water to keep things green.

I would like to thank the tax payers in town for allowing the Department of Public Works to obtain our excavator. The excavator is the most important piece of equipment the town owns! The Department of Public Works has been able to remove 100's of yards of ledge, stone, and stumps along the roadside and ditch lines getting the water off the roadways. Prior to purchasing the excavator we could only scratch at the roadsides. We still have 100's of yards of material to remove along the roadsides and it's nice to know we can successfully remove it instead of just scratching at it.

David Crosby
Supervisor DPW

2011 Annual Report
Alstead Police Department

Before I get into the specifics of the Alstead Police Department's activities and our calls for service for 2011, I would like to briefly tell you a little about our officers since there have been a few changes. Former Police Chief Robert Bromley retired in late April of 2011 at which time I was promoted becoming Alstead's 4th Police Chief. Officer Bromley continues to work for the department on a part time basis.

I was hired in Alstead as a full time police officer in August of 2006. Before coming to Alstead, I worked as a fulltime police officer in Wethersfield, CT from 1999 to 2006, which is a town of 26,000 residents bordering the City of Hartford. The Alstead Police Department also employs three part-time police officers. Officer Raymond Gosetti, Officer Cameron Prior and Officer Dean Wright. All three officers are full time certified in other departments but work here helping us fill shifts.

As your Police Chief I will strive to be fair and open minded to all situations that require police intervention. My goal is to have an open door and be ready to listen, and handle situations that come to this department's attention. With that said, here is a summary of our 2011 statistics.

The Alstead Police Department handled 586 calls for service. A partial list of our more frequent or significant call types with totals is as follows:

Disorderly Conduct (12), Scams and Fraudulent Activities (8), Harassment (12), Animal Complaints (45), Motor Vehicle Manner of Operation (19), Fingerprinting Service (13), Found/Lost Property (16), Background Check/Records Request (13), Alstead School Assist (17), Vacant House Checks (28), VIN checks (17), Emergency Medical Service Performed (29), Road Hazards (13), Suspicious Incidents (53), Thefts (8), Burglaries (10), Burglary Alarms (10), Sexual Assaults (2), Assaults (2), Drug Case (2), Suicide Threat or Attempt (2), Domestic Disturbance (7),

Shots Fired (5), Wanted Person (5), Walk in or Phone Assists (50), Assist Other Jurisdiction (30), Civil Issues (27), Check Welfare (19), Community Policing (23), Vandalism (10), Child Abuse/Neglect (1).

Additionally, the Alstead Police Department made 28 arrests in 2011. Three of the 28 arrests resulted in felony level grand jury indictments. Alstead Police also investigated 8 motor vehicle accidents and we made a total of 205 motor vehicle stops (173 warnings versus 32 tickets).

As we move ahead into 2012, the Alstead Police Department is committed to preventing and solving crime through community policing efforts. I have been working with a group of residents from Alstead, Walpole, Langdon and Goshen and the Police Chiefs in each town to form a group called the Connecticut Valley Crime Stoppers (CVCS). Ultimately, this group will allow Alstead, Walpole, Langdon and Goshen to combine efforts in solving crime through a 24 hour anonymous phone tip line with the possibility of paying cash rewards to tips that lead to an arrest. If you are interested in joining CVCS please contact me.

Respectfully Submitted
Marcello D'Alessandro

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2012 Annual Report
Alstead Fire Department

Calls were down slightly from last year showing a decrease in requests for responses from the Fire Department. This past year the calls included rescuing a cat from a tree, monitoring water levels during Hurricane Irene, setting up landing zones for helicopters, responding to motor vehicle accidents, dealing with trees and wires down, mitigating hazardous material spills, feeding horses after the owner was taken away by ambulance, to our normal Fire Department responses. The normal Fire Department responses included structure fires, chimney fires, car fires, brush fires, responding to automatic fire alarms, a snowmobile fire, CO and smoke detectors sounding, fire prevention activities at local schools and also in 2011 we held two open houses, one at each station in the hopes of recruiting new members, which was successful as we now have 7 new firefighters on the department.

Last year's summer was very wet and fortunately we did not have any forest fires. It was still the case though that due to the ice damage still in the woods from ice storms in recent years, there is potential for forest fires in our area. I would like to remind everyone that with no snow cover, permits are required. I ask that if you are burning when there is snow cover that you contact me or one of the Deputy Wardens in town.

We had members attend numerous trainings which included: CPR Recertification, Extrication Training, Drug Lab Training, Farm Emergency Training, Traffic Control Training, District Forest Fire Training in Keene and statewide Forest Fire Training in Gilmanton, in addition to our regular monthly drills.

I would like to thank the members of the department and the community for their support and assistance over the last year. Also, we

are always looking to enlarge our roster. Anyone wishing to join the department may contact a member of the department or the Municipal Offices for information and an application.

Activity Report 2011

Motor Vehicle Accidents	13
Trees/Wires Down	11
Mutual Aid	12
Smoke Investigations	1
Structure Fires	2
Hazardous Material Spill/Leak	3
Helicopter Landing Zones	3
Alarms Sounding	5
Brush Fires	1
Rescue from River	1
Flooding	1
Furnace Problems	2
Odor Investigation	1
Assist Ambulance	2
Snowmobile Fire	1
Cat from tree	1
Hurricane Response	1
Elevator Alarm	1
Smoke Removal	1
Collapsed Roof	1
Flooded Cellar	1
Feed Horses	1
Body Recovery	1
Meetings	11
Drills	9
New member orientation	1
Open House	1

Drug Lab Training	1
Farm Emergency Training	1
Extrication Training	1
Fire Prevention	2
Traffic Control Training	1
CPR Recert Training	1
State Forest Fire Trainings	2

Respectfully submitted,
Kim J. Kercewich
Fire Chief

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-1370 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

Both in terms of the number of fires, as well as the number of acres burned, this past fire season was the smallest since records have been kept. Extensive rainfall virtually all season long kept the fire danger down. When fires did start they were kept very small. The largest fire for the season was only 5.4 acres which occurred in Littleton on May 2nd 2011. There was however a small window of high fire danger in the northern third of the state during July when little rainfall was recorded. During this time there were a number of lightning started fires which are fairly unusual in New Hampshire. As has been the case over the last few years, state budget constraints have limited the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers to Class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting was supplemented by contracted aircraft and the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2011 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2011 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2011)

(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	**Acres**	**# of Fires**
Belknap	.5	1
Carroll	5	11
Cheshire	2	3
Coos	7.5	30
Grafton	17.5	57
Hillsborough	2	12
Merrimack	4	3
Rockingham	0	0
Strafford	.5	2
Sullivan	3	6

CAUSES OF FIRES	Total		Fires	Total Acres
Arson	7	**2011**	**125**	**42**
Debris	63	**2010**	**360**	**145**
Campfire	10	**2009**	**334**	**173**
Children	2	**2008**	**455**	**175**
Smoking	9	**2007**	**437**	**212**
Railroad	1			
Equipment	1			
Lightning	3			
Misc.*	29 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)			

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

2011 Annual Report
Alstead Ambulance Report

Alstead Ambulance department is alive and kicking. I'm glad to report that in response to the letter sent out by the selectmen this summer asking for your support and new members we've gained 7 additional members. One is already certified as an EMT and the others have completed their First Responder class and are in the process of getting their certification from the state of N.H. Bureau of E.M.S.

This past year call volume for the Ambulance decreased slightly from the previous years and came in at exactly 100 calls. For 94 of the calls Alstead Ambulance responded with crew prepared to transport even though we have operated most of the year with only 7 active members. We had 6 calls this year that we were unable to provide a crew for transport, 2 of those were due to 1A1 being on a call and Diluzio Ambulance Service came as our mutual aid ambulance.

Of the 94 calls Alstead Ambulance responded to, there were 61 transports to the hospital and 24 of those had Paramedic on board. Diluzio Ambulance is providing paramedic level service to us, if the call warrants that level of care, they are sent by dispatch to assist us on the call. In addition we had 12 lift assist calls and also 21 calls that either didn't require treatment and transport or refused.

I would ask your assistance in making sure that you have clear house numbers visible from the road as this will assist us when responding to an emergency. You can obtain the large reflective numbers for a donation of $10 from the Explorer program with the Alstead police department. You can stop by and place an order directly at the Alstead Police offices or for your convenience placing an order at the transfer station is also possible.

As always we welcome additional new members and if interested please contact me or stop by the town offices for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Anton Elbers
Captain Alstead Ambulance

2011 Annual Report
Conservation Commission

Conservation Easements

One of the functions of the Alstead Conservation Commission is to provide interested landowners with information about conservation easements, their potential benefits to the landowner and community, and how to go about securing an easement on their property. Conservation easements may be placed on all or a portion of a piece of property and can be tailored to meet the needs of the landowners, their families and heirs.

2011 saw a significant increase in the amount of private land preserved. Four conservation easements from four landowners added 273 acres to conservation land.

In Alstead, such conservation easements assure that our forests will continue to (1) support a local forest-based economy, (2) preserve key habitats and protect biodiversity, (3) keep lands open for hunting and recreation, and (4) protect water quality for clean drinking water. Similarly, easements that include fields will assure that open land will continue to be available for agricultural uses.

One 220-acre easement on the western side of Prentice Hill is part of a block of 4,800 acres of unfragmented land. The property has frontage on five beaver ponds, including Beaver Wood Pond; 3,400 feet of frontage along two unnamed perennial streams, one of which connects with three ponds in the Camp Brook watershed (greater Cold River watershed) and the other which connects two ponds in the Dart Brook watershed (greater Ashuelot River watershed); an established trail network consisting of 2,700 feet of undeveloped, scenic frontage along the Class VI portion of Prentice Hill Road, 3,500 feet of frontage along the Class IV portion of Peabody Road (Cady Road), and a short woods road connecting the two. These roads form part of the NH snowmobile trail system. Eighty-eight percent of the property is designated as a "Core Area" for protection of the Quabbin-to-Cardigan Partnership's 2007 conservation plan. The property has abundant wildlife including moose, deer, coyotes, bobcats, deer, river otter, fishers, and weasels.

A second easement, contiguous with the Beaver Wood Pond property, lies on the northeast side of Prentice Hill.

Three landowners also placed easements on their lakefront Lake Warren property bringing the protection of land around the lake to a total of 7628 linear feet, over a mile, and a total of 52.96 acres. Protection of land around the lake will help maintain the water quality of the lake, protect fish and wildlife from the effects of further development and provide for future generations to enjoy the lake as we know it today. The land involved includes Pine Island as well as about 1100 feet of shoreline in Rawson cove, facing the island. Spruce Point on the south side of the lake was added to shoreline already under a conservation easement and completes a cove on the south side of the lake.

In the words of Pete Throop, Monadnock Conservancy Conservation Partnership project director, who was the facilitator for Alstead's Land Conservation Plan: "Lake Warren is one of the gems of the Monadnock Region and an amazing asset for the town of Alstead. Protecting the shoreline and undeveloped uplands not only helps retain scenic qualities as viewed from the lake, but it also protects the lake's water quality and provides important habitat and access to the lake for wildlife."

During 2011, the Conservation Commission provided the Monadnock Conservancy, the holder of the conservation easements, with $7,000 from the Alstead Conservation Fund to assist landowners with the transaction costs and stewardship fees associated with their easements. Please contact any of the Conservation Commissioners if you or your family is interested in this form of lasting stewardship of Alstead's open spaces.

Invasive Species

Efforts continue to control the spread of invasive plant species, both in Lake Warren through the Lake Host Program run by the Lake Warren Association, and along roadsides and streams where purple loosestrife and especially

Japanese knotweed will "take over" and ruin native habitat if left alone. Control of purple loosestrife consists of learning where all such plants are located, removing seed heads, and digging up existing plants. While that process takes years, steady progress has been made.

In 2011 a member of the Conservation Commission met with the Walpole Conservation Commission to discuss joint efforts – seeds can be spread from town to town by automobile traffic as they are tiny and cling like dust to tires. The ACC has developed a "loosestrife calendar" so that control efforts can be timed effectively to the plant's lifecycle.

Japanese knotweed is another story – controlling it, if it is indeed feasible, will require more manpower than we currently have at our disposal.

Energy

In 2011 the ACC agreed to adopt an Energy Committee as a sub-committee, with a separate Energy Committee budget line item so that funds are not intermingled. Energy use is a growing concern because of both the threat of climate change and the instability of energy prices. The Energy Committee, for a few hundred dollars worth of materials, has reduced energy use in the library by about one-third since 2005.

Research on street lights has led to a number of such lights being turned off, for further savings. The installation of a programmable thermostat in the Town Hall has led to important savings as well. Further projects for municipal buildings are planned. A vague but important future goal is to begin energy audits and retrofits of residential buildings and businesses.

In 2011 audits of the Town Hall / Fire Station and the Vilas School were performed by GDS Associates at no cost to the Town. In 2011, a member of the ACC and Energy Committee testified in the NH legislature against a bill to repeal New Hampshire's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

A Guide to the Natural & Cultural Resources of Alstead.

This publication, originally published in 2001, has been slightly revised and will be available to residents late spring 2012. It includes a map of Alstead and 28 places, buildings or sites of interest in the town. The proceeds from the sale of this map benefit the Alstead Conservation Commission.

Arbor Day Celebration

The annual Arbor Day celebration was held the last Friday in April. Principal Gail Rowe welcomed students and guests and led them in the Pledge of Allegiance. Selectman Michael Jasmin read the Arbor Day Proclamation.

This year's Arbor Day grade 5 poster contest theme was "Arbor Day and Alstead…Four Seasons of Fun." There were 32 submissions. Fifth-grade students also participated in a two-day workshop on trees in May. It was provided by the Nature Museum of Grafton and paid for with a matching grant from the Fall Mountain Educational Endowment Association and the Alstead Conservation Commission.

Several Vilas students read original poems. A linden tree was planted. Students in kindergarten through fourth grade sang "Because of Trees" under the direction of Lillie Le Blanc. The Vilas Chorus sang "Trees for America."

This year Arbor Day will be held at Vilas School on Friday, April 20, at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited.

Trails

In the fall a group of commissioners cleared the trail to the top of Pratt Rock. If you haven't been there before, take a 20-minute hike up the trail to the top and enjoy the spectacular view.

The commissioners are also blazing two trails in the Town Forest and hope to complete them by the time the town celebrates its 250th birthday. Volunteers

are welcome. Check the bulletin boards at the library and Walpole Village store to see when trail work is happening.

Earth Day

The Earth Day breakfast and cleanup was held on Saturday, April 30. More than 30 people enjoyed the food on the porch of the town offices and even more participated in cleaning up a section of the road near their homes or as needed.

Much of the heavy cleanup has been done over the last 10 years, but most roads require an annual pickup of accumulated trash over the winter. There are some problem sites such as on part of Gilsum Mine Road and the hill going up Route 12A towards Keene. We are looking forward to a good turnout. Pick up you bags at the transfer station, sign up to clean your portion of the road and come enjoy a cup of coffee and a muffin .

This year Earth Day will be held on Saturday, April 28.

NHACC

The New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions held in November in Concord was attended by one commissioner. A wealth of information is gathered from a varied menu of workshops, from methods of mapping wetland to including culture in the Natural Resources Inventory. This information is brought back and shared with the other commissioners.

Permitting Activity

Permitting activity with DES (Department of Environmental Services) was moderate in volume with several projects going on – Warren Brook Stream restoration, DOT roadwork on 123, culvert work on Gilsum Mine Road and a couple of violations of shoreland protection on Lake Warren. Plans were reviewed and the site visited for a proposed pond at Paper Mill Village.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilou Blaine
John Mann
David Moody
Joyce Curll
Nan Montgomery
Sarah Webb

Lake Warren Management Plan

The Conservation Commission was one of the early supporters of the development of the Lake Warren Management Plan. Other supporters include the following: the Alstead Planning Board, the Alstead Board of Selectmen, the Cold River Local Advisory Group, the Connecticut River Watershed Council, State Representatives Lucy Weber and Tara Sad (the latter of whom is Chair of the Committee on Environment and Agriculture), the New Hampshire Lakes Association, and both Kroka Expeditions and the Orchard School, who use the lake as part of their environmental education for children and youth.

With the support of these organizations, the Lake Warren Association and Southwest Region Planning Commission won a small grant under the Section 604(b) of the Clean Water Act, administered by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. The grant supports preparation of a Comprehensive Lake Inventory and Lake Management Plan to provide for the future of Lake Warren.

A Town Forum was held on May 12 at the Vilas School. All townspeople were invited by the Board of Selectmen to attend. Jeff Littleton, noted wildlife expert and adjunct Professor at Antioch Graduate School, presented a slide show and talk about wildlife that might be seen around Lake Warren. Surveys taken at the end of the talk showed enthusiasm for the program and for wildlife in Alstead.

From that meeting, a smaller working group was formed that included the following, in alphabetical order: Ellen Chase, Dan and Joyce Curll, David Deen, Michael Heidorn, Karen Kaminsky, John Mann, Nan and Bruce Montgomery, Kate Morgan, Jeff Putnam, Phil and Romie Sanford, Lisa Tusveld and Sarah

Webb. The group has been working with Lisa Murphy, Senior Planner for the Southwest Regional Planning Commission to complete the plan.

Over the summer, numerous members of the Lake Warren Association participated in collecting information on reptiles, amphibians, mammals and birds around the lake and in the watershed for a comprehensive inventory. The group also collected information on boats and boat density over the summer, as well as shoreline structures, including boathouses, docks and rafts. Through its Lake Host program, conducted under the auspices of the New Hampshire Lake Association and the Lake Warren Association, information has been collected for nearly 10 years on the boats visiting the lake. The Lake Host program is the first line of defense in protecting the lake against invasive weeds like exotic milfoil. Such invasives can destroy a lake for recreational use, lowering property values around the lake, and thus affecting the town's tax base. The Lake Association has been testing the water quality for more than a dozen years, with several LWA members participating under the guidance of DES specialists and that of Kate Morgan, who has been the moving force behind this program. Mike Heidorn, who was instrumental in developing the Cold River Management Plan, has been working with Kate to provide analysis of the copious information that has been collected over the years. The lake has been designated as impaired because of high phosphorus and high chlorophyll levels, making it eligible for federal funds under the EPA319 program, which provides funds for improving water quality.

In June, and again in August, Sarah Webb led bird and plant walks to demonstrate the diversity of plants and wildlife around the lake. The Lake Warren Association also conducted a land use survey of its members, yielding approximately 40 surveys on the nature and usage of waterfront property, covering nearly half of the landowners and well over half of the land around the lake.

The Lake Management Plan will be completed during the first months of 2012.

2011 Annual Report
Shedd Porter Memorial Library Trustees Report

Open the handsome wooden doors of the Shedd Porter Memorial Library. Enter and stand in the center of the rotunda. Look down at the floor's intricate tile work. Look up at the stained glass, beautifully illuminated from behind, and at the painted inscriptions. Look to the left and right and see the heavy tables, the woodwork. Look to see computers in use in one room. Look throughout to see books: books on shelves, books in special displays, books in the hands of patrons. The Shedd Porter Memorial Library, a beautiful building, is a lively center of information, communication and service.

Our work this year has been dedicated to honoring the historical value of our Library while committing to the relevancy of the Library for the community.

Shelli Huntley, Interim Librarian, in her report details the increased use of our library. We have more patrons checking out more books and visiting more times than we have in the past. These patrons are finding new books and classic books; they are finding them in the traditional paper mode and as downloadable books. They are finding music, movies and magazines. Patrons of the Library meet cheerful staff and volunteers willing and able to help them find their books or obtain them from other libraries as needed. The New Books display and printed list inspire new choices.

Creating shelf space and relevancy means identifying the books that are less relevant and making way for new growth by careful weeding. Locating books means advancing to a computerized cataloging system that connects with the State Library system. We have chosen to ensure that in 2011 and 2012, this infrastructure continues to improve and advance through the work of our staff and volunteers.

Our patrons make extensive use of our computers and internet service. We are pleased to be able to dramatically improve upon these offerings

in the past year by replacing our two very slow antique computers with efficient new ones.

The Library serves children and families throughout the year. Our Librarian welcomes visiting classes and also regularly visits classrooms, reading to the children. Special events provide cultural and creative opportunities for all ages. Our Summer Reading Program is lively and fun, enjoyed by year-round residents and our summer visitors.

The value of a library filled with books, magazines, dvds and cds, of computer and WiFi service should be important in any time of the life of the community, but we feel that in this period of economic difficulty the library is a particular and gentle support for our citizens who need them for research, information and employment searches and preparation.

Being responsible to the community entails taking physical care for this gem of a building which has been at the center of our town for 101 years. We are proud to have the Shedd Porter Memorial Library listed on the National Register of Historic Places. We take care in maintaining the physical health of the building, and are pleased to work with the Selectmen and the Town for its care. We actively explore issues of responsible energy use; we are concerned with keeping staff and patrons comfortable while reducing actual energy consumption.

The Board of Trustees is grateful to Interim Librarian Shelli Huntley and Assistant Librarian Gaale Klein for the skills and excellent service they bring to the Library and its patrons. Custodian Sam Kong helps maintain a sense of sparkle and happiness. Volunteers Jessi Dussault, Margaret Perry, Ellen Chase, Judi Bellows, Melanie Marsden and Cynthia Phippin provide tangible, valuable service by donating over 419 hours in 2011. We are grateful for the dedicated service of Tafi Brown who served as Library Trustee from 2008-2011.

A tremendous gift that our library gives all of us who live here is the ability to root our present and our future in our past. The Library holds the core of community values of education, communication,

information and culture within its wonderful structure. We are able to see to the future because of what has been in the past. We are able to know that we care for our neighbors while giving our neighbors the freedom to explore ideas and opportunities.

We thank our patrons and the Town of Alstead for the vibrant participation that gives energy and meaning to the collections and space that is the Shedd Porter Memorial Library. We welcome all through the doors.

Susan Norlander, Chair

Matt Gillette, Trustee
Mary Lou Huffling, Trustee and Treasurer
Heather Jasmin, Trustee and Clerk
Jeff Smull, Trustee and Vice Chair

2011 Annual Report
Shedd Porter Memorial Library Report

2011 was an active and productive year for the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library. Over the course of the year, the library added 887 new items to our shelves, welcomed 100 new patrons, circulated 11,237 items and enjoyed 7,817 visits from community members. Our circulation was up by 1,268 checkouts and patron usage increased by nearly 2,000 visits. We had 126 "virtual" patrons take advantage of our membership to the New Hampshire Downloadable Books Consortium, downloading 505 ebooks and audiobooks from the site. We were also pleased to borrow 439 books from other New Hampshire libraries through the state wide interlibrary loan program. Participation in this program allows us

to fill patron requests by borrowing books the library does not have in its own collection, as well as borrowing multiple copies of books for members of book groups. Through the continued generosity of the Shedd-Porter family, we were able to purchase two new public access computers as well as a new printer. As a result, we saw community members come to the library 1,092 times to use the computers or access the internet via our high-speed connection. At the end of December, we launched a website for the library, found at sheddporter.wordpress.com. The site includes information about new acquisitions, upcoming programs and library services.

This past summer, we had fun celebrating the state reading theme, *One World, Many Stories* in our Marion Holmes Memorial Summer Reading Program. We hosted events on each Friday of July, happily visiting with the Mariposa Museum, playing bingo with Melanie Marsden, listening to stories and music from Jamaica with Anive Holmes, learning songs from Latin America with Marek Bennett and crafting Huichol yarn art with Jessi Dussault. Our events were well attended and jolly! In addition to attending summer programs, we had 28 children keep track of their summer reading. In 2011, we also hosted programs for children led by our local favorites, Kathy Torrey, Eleanor Elbers & Purly Gates. Our weekly story time continued throughout the year, ably run by Jessi Dussault. Alstead is fortunate to have so many talented and caring individuals support the library.

Library volunteers worked a generous 419 hours at the Shedd-Porter in 2011. I would like to thank Jessi Dussault, Margaret Perry, Ellen Chase, Judi Bellows, Melanie Marsden and Cynthia Phippin for all they do to keep the library running smoothly! Additionally, I want to give special thanks to Colleen Heidorn for her years of work producing the LowDown. She took on the LowDown when she was just 10-years-old and put out three years of newsletters. We also have two Fall Mountain Regional High School students who work at the library once a week. These

students have done a terrific job organizing and maintaining our book sale room. If you haven't seen it recently, stop by to admire their work. All book sales are by donation and benefit the library. John Mann deserves our appreciation as well for taking on the effort to make the library more energy efficient. I am grateful for the care shown by Assistant Librarian Gaale Klein and Custodian Sam Kong. They both go above and beyond for the library. Lastly, I thank all the members of the Library Board of Trustees, Susan Norlander, Mary Lou Huffling, Jeff Smull, Heather Jasmin and Matt Gillette. These individuals bring expertise, dedication and careful attention to their work on behalf of the library and the town.

We have exciting goals and plans for the upcoming year. We will continue to focus upon advancing the library's use of technology to better meet the needs of all patrons. By year's end, the library should have an online catalog for the collection. We also plan to add at least one additional public access computer, again thanks to a donation from the Shedd-Porter family. The library will host events for the public each month. During the summer months, there will be plenty of fun for children as we celebrate this summer's reading theme of *Dream Big, Read*! All year, families are welcome to join us each Thursday at 10:30 for story time. The Shedd-Porter recently acquired a license to show movies at the library, so watch for upcoming screenings. As always, we welcome patron suggestions, requests and input, and look forward to seeing you in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelli Huntley, Interim Director

SHEDD PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

2011 FINANCAL REPORT

Checking Account

Opening Balance:	$24,529.15
Deposits:	$ 8,141.19
Total:	$ 32,670.34

Deposits:

Shedd Fund:	$ 1,409.50
Town of Alstead:	$ 2,090.13
Trustee of Trusts:	0.00
Donations:	$ 4,171.00

Expenditures:

Utilities: $408.53
Office: $1,389.85
Books: $7,403.41
Periodicals: $354.89
CD's & DVD's: $722.19
Building: $251.34
Programs: $1,268.56
Development: $613.40

Total Expenditures: $12,412.17

Balance December 31, 2011: $19,225.96

Salaries: $25,863.65
FICA & MEDI: $1,846.22

Shedd Porter Memorial Library Savings Account Balance:
$44,635.64

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT BALANCES AS OF DEC. 31, 2011

Ruth Lufkin Gleason Book Fund	$8,074.34
Ruth Lufkin Gleason Book Fund	$6,248.41
Maxine Craig Book Fund:	$1,805.17
Marion K. Holmes Summer Reading Program Fund:	$2,748.97
Marion K. Holmes Summer Reading Program Fund:	$1,223.46

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Huffling
Treasurer

2011 Annual Report
Trustees of Trust Funds

The following new funds were established during 2011:

5-19-2011	Moe Mozier – Alstead Ctr. Cem.	$ 400.00
7-5-2011	Nelson Fusto & Ann Delancy – North Cem	400.00
8-22-2011	Harold & Beatrice Ramsey – Alstead Ctr. Cem	400.00
9-1-2011	Edward Fiske – West Cem	400.00
9-1-2011	Bellows, Gendron, Marsden, Roller – Pine Grove	500.00

A new "Millot Green Trust – Expendable" was created with the remaining funds raised for the reconstruction of the Green after the flood of 2005.

Cemetery lots are available and may be purchased by contacting Reginald Clark at 835-6007.

Respectfully submitted
Trustees of Trust Funds

Bruce Bellows
Reginald Clark
Roberta Young

2011 Annual Report
Alstead Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Zoning Board of Adjustment had twelve meetings this year. Three of the Board meetings were held as joint meetings with the Planning Board - one was for a Municipal Law Update session with the Town Attorney, one was to discuss amendment proposals to the Town's Zoning Ordinance, the other was to hold a Public Hearing for the final amendment proposals to the Town's Zoning Ordinance. It was an unusually quiet year for activity before the Board – there were no Variance, nor Special Exception, requests. There were a few preconceptual visits from people inquiring about possible upcoming proposals/projects.

The ZBA meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30PM, at the Alstead Municipal Building. The public is always welcome.

The Board would like to thank Dirk Doughty for his years of dedicated work to the Board.

The Board is looking for one additional Member, and at least one additional Alternate Member. Any citizen interested in becoming a Member is encouraged to contact any Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, a Member of the Select Board, or the Town Clerk. **Your participation would be welcomed, <u>and is truly needed</u>!**

Dennis Molesky, Chairman
Joseph Cartwright, Vice Chairman
Samuel Sutcliffe, Member
Kevin Clark, Member
Hans Waldmann, Alternate Member
David Konesko, Alternate Member

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Marsden, Administrative Assistant

2012 Annual Report
Alstead Planning Board

The Alstead Planning Board held twenty-two meetings this past year. Three of these were joint Meetings with the Zoning Board of Adjustment - one was for a Municipal Law Update session with the Town Attorney, one was to discuss amendment proposals to the Town's Zoning Ordinance, the other was to hold a Public Hearing for the final amendment proposals to the Town's Zoning Ordinance. The Alstead Planning Board received two minor subdivision requests, and an earth excavation renewal request, all of which were approved.

Throughout the year, the Planning Board had several preconceptual consultations regarding possible future Applications. Work was begun on a Small Wind Energy Systems Ordinance, which was finalized in time for a Warrant Article to propose this new Ordinance at the upcoming Town Meeting. The Planning board continued working with US Cellular to finalize the permit process for the proposed cell tower on Cobb Hill. Two Antioch graduate students, Michael Griffin and Ian Schrauf, began developing a Cost of Community Services study of a Development vs. Tax Rate Comparative Tool for potential use by the Planning Board. The Lake Management work group has begun work on the Comprehensive Lake Warren Inventory and Lake Warren Management Plan, in conjunction with Southwest Region Planning Commission, in cooperation with the Alstead Planning Board.

The regular meeting of the Alstead Planning Board is held on the second Monday of each month at the Alstead Municipal Building at 7:00PM. Work meetings are scheduled, as needed, on the fourth Monday of the month. Anyone interested in participating is welcome.

The Board would like to thank Rich Nalevanko for all his years of dedicated work to the Board. **The Board has openings, <u>and a great need</u>, for two Full Members and Alternate Members**. If interested, please contact any Member of the Planning Board, or Members of the

Select Board, for more information. We would welcome your participation and input!

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Marsden/Administrative Assistant

Peter Rhoades, Chairman

Gloria Seddon

Joyce Curll

David Konesko

Matt Saxton/ex officio

Randy Rhoades-Alternate

2011 Annual Report
Alstead Historical Society

During 2011 the Alstead Historical Society (AHS) held five program meetings. At our April meeting Steve Taylor presented his popular lecture, "Cows and Communities: How the lowly bovine has nurtured New Hampshire." In July, Bruce Bellows, Margaret Perry, and David Moody gave a two-part presentation, "Photographic walking tour of East Alstead and environs." In August, we heard Prof. Marcia Schimdt Blaine speak on hill country abandonment in 19th-century Alstead. In our last program of the year, Ellen Chase discussed her architectural paper models of notable buildings in Alstead; Bruce Bellows, showed the society's collection of aircraft observer's memorabilia from World War II; and Margaret Perry talked about a variety of 19th- and early 20th-century kitchenware. We are pleased to report that most of these sessions were very well attended. We are grateful to the Second and Third Congregational Churches for the use of their facilities, and to the NH Humanities to Go program for grants that made Steve Taylor's and Marcia Schmidt Blaine's presentations possible.

Throughout the year, the society was active in finding a way to stabilize the roof of the Mill at Mill Hollow, currently owned by Mow Kazati and Kate Tarlow Morgan, until a not-for-profit organization could be established to take on the stewardship of this historic landmark in East Alstead. AHS was successful in raising sufficient funds to put a temporary roof on the mill to protect it from further water damage.

The society has also been active in preparations for Alstead's 250th anniversary in 2013. Bruce Bellows and other members of the board of trustees, together with members of many Alstead organizations have me a number of times to develop a series of coordinated events between April and October of 2013 and at least one weekend event on Millot Green as well as a parade.

AHS members continued to scan newly found photographs in the society's collections and photo albums owned by Matt Saxon and Margaret Perry. If you have an old family album containing photographs

related to Alstead, we would welcome the opportunity to scan them for our collection of photographs and photographic images.

Margaret Perry continued work on a large number of projects related to records stored in the AHS Office in the Alstead Municipal Building. Four volunteers joined her in this endeavor in 2011. Their work focused on making information in the records accessible. Joanne Wildes indexed the names contained a large scrapbook of obituaries. Carol Reller is developing an index of marriages performed in the 19th century by Rev. Higbee at the Universalist Church. Cathy Jahoes photocopied Marion Nicholl Rawson's notes that she used in prepared her book, *New Hampshire Borns a Town*, a history of Alstead's founding. A copy of the notes will be kept in the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library. Nan Montgomery has been working with the membership transfer records of the Third Congregational Church to see where people who moved to Alstead came from. AHS is grateful for their assistance and would welcome others who would like to take on short-term projects. Please drop by the AHS office any Wednesday between 1 and 4 p.m. and speak with Margaret Perry.

The AHS Trustees meet the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectman's office in the Town Municipal Building. Meetings are open to the public. AHS welcomes the participation of anyone who has an interest in preserving Alstead's history.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce A. Bellows
President, Alstead Historical Society

Annual Report 2011
Cold River Local Advisory Committee

The Cold River Local Advisory Committee (CRLAC) functions to advise the Towns of Acworth, Alstead, Langdon, Lempster, and Walpole on the protection and enhancement of the Cold River. It reviews river corridor projects that require state and federal permits, and works to promote improvements to the river and its tributaries. It also seeks to enhance public awareness of issues affecting the health of the river environment.

Accomplishments during the past year

- A public presentation by the Hubbard Brook Institution on the effects of timber harvesting, acid rain and climate change on the health of New Hampshire forests.
- Obtained matching funds (over $50,000) for the restoration of another section of Warren Brook that was damaged in the 2005 flood.
- Developed preliminary plans for the establishment of a walking trail to showcase the improvements to Warren Brook, understand the geological significance of the slide on Route 123, and view the ancient potholes on Cock Hat Hill.
- Continued water quality monitoring of the Cold River. Overall water quality is good, and has remained stable over the nine years that this program has been maintained.

The CRLAC will continue to support efforts to improve Vilas Pool and Warren Brook, and is concerned with erosional problems in South Acworth and public recreational access to the river.

Longtime member Austin Hunter retired this year, and The Committee has welcomed Joseph Dion, his replacement. There remain committee vacancies from Acworth, Langdon and Lempster. The CRLAC welcomes new participants and new ideas for the welfare of the Cold River.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel Sutcliffe and Jennifer Polcari, Co-Chairs

Acworth: Deborah Hinman
Alstead: Carol Drummond, Michael Heidorn, Samuel Sutcliffe
Langdon: Catherine MacDonald, Jennifer Polcari
Walpole: Joseph Dion, Fred Ernst, Charles Montgomery

2011 Annual Report
Fall Mountain Friendly Meals

2011 provided the Friendly Meals folks with another year of fun and good times together. We are enjoying our 24th year of breaking bread together every Tuesday and Thursday at 11o'clockish at the Alstead Fire Station. People come from all the towns to enjoy delicious home cooked, full course meals cooked and served with love. The people who come enjoy being together and enjoy each others company. Many of those who come live alone and it feels good to be with others and have a good hot meal. The Friendly Meals is food for the body and their spirit.

We have an awesome crew of dedicated faithful volunteers from all the towns. Many have been volunteering for most of if not all of the 24 years. The volunteers prepare and transport the food, set up the meal site, do all the clean up, serve the meals, prepare all the meals on wheels, and then volunteers deliver the meals on wheels. These fantastic groups of dedicated caring people have brought much joy and love in to the lives of others.

In 2011 we provided 25,391 meals to individuals in all the five towns of the Fall Mountain area. We average delivering 170 to 180 meals each Tuesday and Thursday to people in all the towns. Many people are able to still stay in their homes and have good food because of the meals. The meals on wheels also provides someone stopping by to say hello and chat for a bit. They look forward to having a visitor and a good meal. We are thankful for all the time and love that goes in to making all this happen twice every week.

The Friendly Meals is entirely supported by local donations. We do not receive any state or federal assistance. We get some government surplus. All donations are used to purchase food or supplies to serve the food. We are grateful for the many peoples and groups that donate to us and help make the Friendly Meals possible. The Friendly Meals like the Foodshelf has no administrative expenses.

We also appreciate the delicious fresh vegetables donated by the local farmers and growers. The people loved them. Fresh veggies are so healthy for our people and they taste so good.

We are also participating in the Feinstein Foundation Million Dollar Challenge Against Hunger for the 15th year. All monetary donations and each food donation will count toward the grant. The Challenge is from March 1 to April 30. We hope and pray we will do well.

We are so thankful to the Town of Alstead for the use of the Alstead Fire Station these 24 years and for the use of the building on Bragg Lane for our kitchen. It has been a wonderful gift that has touched the lives of so many people over these years. We are also grateful to the Town of Langdon for donating space adjacent to the Foodshelf for us to store the Friendly Meals food before we bring it to the kitchen in Alstead. It works so well.

Thank you for your continued support. Many people are blest by the meals program. We are grateful for your caring and love for these 24 years. It means so much.

2012 will be another wonderful year together every Tuesday and Thursday.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Huffling
For the Fall Mountain Friendly Meals

2011 Annual Report
Fall Mt. Emergency Foodshelf

The beautiful spirit of generosity and caring was very much alive in 2011 in the Fall Mountain and surrounding area especially during the holiday season. It felt like a miracle to be part of the tremendous love and caring that was given to the Foodshelf and to those we serve.

In 2011 the number of people needing help with food was greater than ever. We had new families coming for help almost every day we were open. In spite of the low amount of food available at the NH Foodbank and the rising cost of food, thanks to the love and generosity of so, so many people of all ages everyone who came to the Foodshelf left with a good supply of nutritious food and knowing that people care about their well being. In 2011, 9,843 times families came to the Foodshelf sites for food. These families included 33,459 individuals. We provided them with food for approximately 1,003,770 meals. We were also able to provide 913 families with Thanksgiving dinner boxes and 698 families with Christmas boxes. People were thrilled to receive the wonderful food filled boxes. Many left with tears in their eyes.

We and those we serve greatly appreciate our towns for their support. We are grateful to the towns of Langdon and Charlestown for providing space for our sites. Both sites serve us and our clients well. They are very accessible for clients and for the truck loads of food we bring in. They are a gift that helps so many. We appreciate the other towns' donations helping with the purchase of food. It is so heartwarming to think of the many, many local families and individuals, local business, churches (many who do a monthly food collection), organizations, our schools and their staffs, Girl Scouts, Boy scouts, 4-H Groups and others who did tremendous monetary and food collections. We couldn't have met the need with out their tremendous support.

For the fourth year we had of Grow a Row for the Foodshelf program. It was a tremendous success. So many local farmers and families regularly brought in a wide variety of fresh local grown

vegetables and fruits. People were so excited to have fresh veggies and fruits to eat. Many families canned and/or froze some veggies and fruits for the winter. What a gift to so many of their neighbors. Local farmers and growers are already talking about their plans for fruits and veggies for the Foodshelf this year. It will be great. Local grown is the best.

We are benefiting greatly from a wonderful new program, Fresh Rescue, provided by Feeding America and Shaw's Supermarket. It has been such a blessing in this time of such great need. Also we are doing Fresh Rescue with Black River Produce. The Great Provider is always taking care of us and those we help.

Everything we do to help our neighbors at the Foodshelf is possible because of the tremendous love and dedication of our many volunteers who give so much of themselves and their time to helping others. Everyone works hard to make it all happen from trucking all the food, ordering, shopping, stocking shelves and freezers, helping the clients, and all that makes it all come together in a very positive way and everyone who comes to us needy gets a good supply of food.

For the 15th year we will once again be participating in the Feinstein Foundation Million Dollar Challenge Against Hunger.
The challenge is from March 1 to April 30. All monetary donations and each donated food item counts as a dollar toward the proportional matching grant. People are always so generous during this time. It always helps us so much. Hopefully there will be many food drives. The food items add up quickly.

Thank you all for the support you have given us over these 30 plus years. 2012 will be another wonderful year of caring and helping our needy neighbors.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lou Huffling
For Fall Mountain Food Shelf

2011 Annual Report
Alstead Transfer Station

The Alstead Transfer Station trucking for 2011 was as follows:

Trash to Wheelabrator	685.54	tons
Co-Mingle	23.91	tons
D&D	118.42	tons
Tires	3.02	tons
Mixed Fibers	70.81	tons
Cardboard	28.04	tons
Light Iron	60.155	tons
Aluminum Cans	5.6	tons
Batteries	.6225	tons

There were 32 Freon Units pumped.

Thank you to all who recycle for it helps to keep the costs down as well as to save the environment.

A thank you also to our attendants for working hard to keep the station and grounds neat and clean. They are always available if you need assistance or have questions.

Our recycling efforts are important. Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) has congratulated us for our recycling efforts in the Town of Alstead.

Aluminum cans-conserved enough energy to run a television for 1,139,712 hours!

Paper – Saved 1,872 trees!

Scrap Metal – conserved 58,444 pounds of coal!

Respectfully Submitted,
Ernie Perry, Transfer Station Manager

2011 MARRIAGES

Person A	Residence	Person B	Residence	Place of	Date Marriage
Ruskowski, Alan R.	Alstead	O'Brien, Megan M .	Alstead	Walpole	05/20
Hanson, Joshua L.	Alstead `	Goodwin-Monroe, Christi L.	Alstead	Sullivan	06/25
Garland, Christopher J.	Alstead	Gilbert, Casey L.	Putney, VT	Walpole	07/09
Putnam, Eric S.	Alstead	Craig, Caroline J.	Alstead	Rindge	08/06
Belt III, James K.	Alstead	Piedmont-Fleischmann, Iris M.	Alstead	Alstead	08/13
Evans, Leslie A.	Swanzey	Erdoben, Hazel R.	Alstead	Alstead	09/03
Garrison, Sean E.	Alstead	Holland, Rachel A.	Alstead	Alstead	09/24
Tasker, Bruce D.	Alstead	Blake, Susan M.	Alstead	Langdon	10/22

2011 BIRTHS

Date	Place of Birth	Child's Name	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
01/13	Keene	Washer, Maximilian Charles Thomas	Washer, Jason	Washer, Melanie
02/17	Alstead	Ciborski, Fiana Arline	Ciborski, Michael	Dorresteyn, Fern
03/29	Keene	Morse-Figueroa, Kaylie Samantha	Figueroa, Ariel	Morse, Maygan
06/13	Keene	Huffman, Rowen Edward	Huffman, James	Guyette, Amanda
06/23	Keene	Sergeant, Zachary Oliver	Sergeant, Warren	Sergeant, Margaret
06/25	Keene	Kimball, Owen Herzog	Kimball, Keith	Kimball, Elizabeth
07/11	Keene	Westover, Gavin Matthew	Westover, Christopher	Saunders, Melissa
07.31	Keene	Griffin, Bailey Zdeno	Griffin, Zachary	Hopkins, Amanda-Leigh
08/31	Keene	Pratt, Mya May	Pratt, Brian	Spadjinske, Kathryn
11/09	Keene	Buckley, Allie Marie	Buckley, Derrick	Musto, Laurie
11/26	Keene	Tarbell, Blaze Wyatt	Tarbell, Bryan	Stewart, Amber
11/27	Alstead	Gillette, Amelia Taylor	Gillette, Matthew	Gillette, Petra
12/26	Keene	Hadley, Reid Thomas	Hadley, Ryan	Burnell, Elizabeth

2011 Deaths

Name	Place of Death	Date
Burke Jr., John	Keene	02/12
Bacon Jr., Jesse	Alstead	02/26
Brodin, Philip	Alstead	02/26
Burton, Earl	Alstead	02/28
Allen, Margaret	Keene	04/13
Phippen, Charles	Westmoreland	04/17
Kaiser, Terrilee	Alstead	05/30
Campbell, Viola	Alstead	06/14
Albere, Sheila	Westmoreland	07/25
French, Stella	Westmoreland	07/27
Kercewich, Thursa	Westmoreland	08/01
McElroy, William	Tilton	09/06
Bascom, Kathryn	Keene	10/01
Houghton, Ruth	Keene	11/04

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